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ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF TERNATIVE ENERGY
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1. WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF INVESTMENT REQUIRED FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW NUCLEAR FACILITIES PROJECTED FOR 1985?
WHAT INCENTIVES WILL BE USED TO ATTRACT THE NECESSARY
CAPITAL TO THIS SECTOR?

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2. WHAT PROGRAMS ARE PLANNED OR IN EXISTENCE IN THE AREA

OF NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS IN VIEW OF THE PROJECTED RAPID INCREASE IN THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER? HAVE THE PROGRAMS DIRECTED AT GAINING PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

3. ELABORATE ON THE PROCEDURE FOR SITING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. WHAT ARE THE LEAD TIMES INVOLVED IN THESE PROCESSES?

4. HAS THE RAPID INCREASE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES BEEN HINDERED DUE TO LACK OF EQUIPMENT OR SKILLED PERSONNEL?

5. ARE THERE ACTIVE PROGRAMS AIMED AT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT STANDARDIZATION? IF SO, PLEASE ELABORATE.

6. WHAT WILL BE THE SOURCE OF THE NATURAL GAS REQUIRED TO INCREASE THE SHARE OF NATURAL GAS IN THE ENERGY BALANCE FROM 8 TO 20 MILLION TOE?

7. PLEASE PROVIDE A MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE R&D EFFORT, I.E., WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS?

8. ARE OFFTAKE RIGHTS GUARANTEED AS A RESULT OF OIL AND GAS DISCOVERIES ABROAD?

9. WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF CRUDE AND PETROLEUM PRODUCT STORAGE? INDICATE THE MEANS OF STORAGE BY TYPE AND CAPACITY.

10. PLEASE RELATE ENERGY INVESTMENT TO GNP AND ALL OTHER INVESTMENT.

11. WHAT IS BELGIUM'S GENERAL POLICY TOWARD ENERGY INVESTMENT ABROAD? ROBINSON

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